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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, )  
CONTROL METHOD THEREOF :  
AND CONTROL PROGRAM )  
THEREOF : January 24, 2005

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows, the amendments to the claims being reflected in the listing starting on page 2, and the Remarks beginning at page 6.